



APPLICATION FOR UNREASONABLE HARDSHIP EXCEPTIONS TO ACCESSIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

Section 1134B.2.1 of the 2001 California Building Code states that there are alterations to an existing building, the primary entrance to the building, the primary path of travel to the specific area of alteration (repair or addition), sanitary facilities, drinking fountains and public telephones serving the area shall comply with the accessibility requirements. However, where the total valuation of all construction performed does not exceed \$102,000 (for the past three years), the specific accessibility features that create a hardship may be exempted. The hardship exemption allows the maximum amount of accessibility upgrades to be equal to an additional 20% of the construction valuation. The Building Division will determine which accessible elements shall be provided with the following order of priority:

1. An accessible entrance
2. An accessible route to the altered area
3. At least one accessible restroom for each sex
4. Accessible telephones
5. Accessible drinking fountains
6. Additional accessible elements

To request exception from providing full compliance, complete this form and submit it to the Building Division at the One-Stop Permit Center.

If you have any questions, please call the City of Sunnyvale Building Division at (408) 730-7444. Information is also available on the Building Division web site at: www.sunnyvalebuilding.com.

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REQUEST FOR UNREASONABLE HARDSHIP EXCEPTION

Project Address: _____ Project Number: _____

Project Description: _____

Property Owner/Applicant: _____ Phone Number: _____

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| 1. Cost of proposed project | \$ _____ |
| 2. Total amount spent on other projects
at this tenant space within the past three years | \$ _____ |
| 3. Total Cost (sum of lines 1 and 2) | \$ _____ |

If the total cost (Line 3) exceeds the valuation threshold of \$102,000 then full compliance is required of all accessibility elements (listed below items 1-5).

If the total cost (Line 3) is less than the valuation threshold of \$102,000, then an additional 20% of the cost for the proposed project (Line 1) is the minimum amount required to be spent for accessibility compliance upgrades.

	Is this feature accessible?	Is equivalent facilitation provided?	If not, is this feature going to be made accessible?	If so, what is the cost of the accessible feature?
1. Accessible entrance (including parking lot)				
2. Accessible path to altered area				
3. Accessible sanitary facilities				
4. Accessible drinking fountains				
5. Elevators				
6. Others (ramp, handrails, etc.)				
Total cost of providing accessible elements:				\$ _____

Attach two copies of a description of access features to be provided and a detailed cost estimate of all elements.

*****Staff Use*****

<input type="checkbox"/> Denied	<input type="checkbox"/> Approved*
Chief Building Official _____	Date _____

**Note: The determination of an unreasonable hardship exception by this office does not allow for exemption from any part of the California Codes and Regulations Title 24 Disabled Accessibility requirements or Federal Americans with Disability Act laws.*